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a first elongate member having an internal surface, a proximal end depending from the first surface of the base and a distal end;
a second elongate member spaced apart from the first elongate member, the second elongate member having an internal surface, a proximal end depending from the first surface of the base and a distal end;
a pivot depending from the internal surface of the first elongate member at the distal end thereof and projecting towards the second elongate member; and
a tracking member depending from the internal surface of the second elongate member at the distal end thereof and projecting toward the first member, the slider further comprising a width running parallel to the first and second elongate members and a length running orthogonal to the first and second elongate members, wherein the pivot is spaced apart from the tracking member along the width.

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7. The slider according to Claim 2 wherein the pivot is aligned with the tracking member along the length of the slider.

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14. The method of Claim 9 wherein the tracking member comprises a second pivot and the track comprises a second arc wherein the second edge has a small radius of curvature at the second arc relative to the radius of curvature of the first edge.

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18. A container closable with a cover, the container having a perimeter at least partially sealable therearound by a seal disposed between the cover and the container,
the seal comprising a reclosable fastener lying in a two dimensional plane defining orthogonal X and Y directions,
the reclosable fastener having a track congruent therewith providing a travel path having vector components extending in each of the X and Y directions, wherein the track has a finite width defined by first and second opposing edges and at least two arcs wherein the first edge has a lesser radius of curvature relative to the second edge at the at least two arcs,
the reclosable fastener is sealable or unsealable with a slider,
the slider is slidably attached to the track and moveable along the travel path, wherein the slider is pivotable about the first edge of the track, and wherein the slider opens the reclosable fastener by sliding along the travel path in a first direction and closes the reclosable fastener by sliding along the travel path in a second direction opposite the first direction.

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Please add the following new claims 19-29:

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A slider for opening or closing an elongate reclosable fastener lying in a two dimensional plane defining X and Y directions and having interlocking protruded and recessed elements and tracks extending along the length thereof defining a travel path having vector components extending in each of the X and Y directions; the slider comprising a wedge having an internal surface and an external surface, a closing end and an opening end, both the internal surface and the external surface are inclined in the first direction from the closing end to the opening end, wherein the internal surface presses the recessed element into engagement with the protruded element as the slider moves in the first direction during closing and the external surface separates the recessed element from the protruded element as the slider moves in the second direction during opening.

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The slider according to Claim 19 wherein the wedge has a frustoconical shape with an open internal surface.

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The slider according to Claim 20 wherein the external surface of the wedge comprises a wavy contour extending from the closing end to the opening end which is concave at the closing end and convex at the opening end.

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The slider according to Claim 21 wherein the open internal surface of the wedge comprises a wavy contour extending from the closing end to the opening end which is convex at the closing end and concave at the opening end.

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The slider according to Claim 21 wherein the open internal surface of the wedge partially encloses the recessed element during closing.

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The slider according to Claim 21 wherein the open internal surface of the wedge partially encloses the protruded element during opening.

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The slider according to Claim 20, further comprising:
a base having a first surface;
a first elongate member having a proximal end depending from the first surface and a distal end;

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a second elongate member spaced apart from the first elongate member, the second elongate member having a proximal end depending from the base and a distal end;

wherein the wedge is disposed at the distal end of the second elongate member.

19 26. The slider according to Claim ¹⁸25, further comprising a finger member disposed at the distal end of the third elongate member at the closing end thereof projecting parallel to the width of the slider.

5 20 27. The slider according to Claim ¹⁹26 wherein the finger member comprises a concave internal surface and a convex external surface.

21 28. The slider according to Claim ²⁰27 wherein the concave internal surface of the finger member partially encloses a non-interlocking surface of the recessed element of the reclosable fastener.

22 29. The slider according to Claim ²¹28 wherein the internal surface of the wedge partially encloses the interlocking surface of the protruded element of the reclosable fastener while the external surface of the wedge interfaces with the groove of the recessed element.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 4-5, 7-14, and 18-29 remain in the application and before the Examiner. Payment for additional claims fees is authorized in the separately submitted transmittal form.

Claim Amendments

Claim 4 has been amended to more completely describe the invention of the above-identified application by eliminating claimed relationship between the slider of the present invention and the recloseable fastener which the slider is intended to act on. Further, the claim has been amended to include the limitation that the pivot of the slider is spaced apart from the tracking member along the width of the slider. Antecedent basis for this amendment can be found in original Claim 6 which has been subsequently cancelled.

Claim 7 has been amended to correct dependency as a result of the cancellation of original Claim 6.